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1. 18 Infantry Division: Headquarters is in Timisoara in the building of the former Cercul Teritorial Timis (Territorial Circle - Timis) on the Piata Libertatii. Headquarters for Army Corps Number 2 is also located in this building. The Division came from Oradea in May 1951. During the summer it camped in the forest of Sighet, 8 kilometers south of Timisoara, where its summer operational command is located. On 15 October 1951, the division was supposed to move to Timisoara.

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3. Organizations:
- Commander
  - Political Assistant of Commander
  - Commander of the Infantry
  - General Staff of the Infantry
  - Scout Company - the 18 Scout Company
  - One battalion of communications: the 18 Communications Battalion
  - One battalion of pioneers: the 18 Pioneer Battalion
  - An officers school
  - A motorized company: the 18 Auto Company
  - A motorized artillery company: the 18 Motorized Artillery Company
  - One company for administration and care of the premises: the 18 "Housekeepers" Company
  - One police company - planned but not to be activated until the outbreak of war
  - A battalion of tanks - planned. Not yet in existence, probably because of a lack of equipment.
  - Sanitation service

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Veterinary service - both services attached to the Bureau Number 7 Rear of the General Staff

Three infantry regiments:

- a. The 10 Infantry Regiment formerly from Zalau
- b. The 18 Infantry Regiment formerly from Oradea
- c. The 32 Infantry Regiment formerly from Cluj

All three arrived during April 1951 and went to summer camp in the Sighet forest at that time.

One artillery regiment - the 42 Artillery Regiment, which came from the Simlaul Silvaniei during April 1951

#### 4. Personnel:

Commander of Division: Major General Ion Stanciu, old time infantry officer. Political Assistant of Commander: Major Biserica, formerly a sub-officer in the infantry, came from the USSR with the "Tudor Vladimirescu" Division.

Commander of the Infantry: Colonel ..... [redacted] he is an old time Border Guard Officer).

Chief of Infantry General Staff: Lt. Col. Marinescu, a cavalry officer.

Bureau Number 1: Infantry General Staff - Major Draghici of the infantry.

Bureau Number 2: Scouting - Captain Popa of the infantry.

Bureau Number 3: Communications - Captain Iancovici, communications.

Bureau Number 4: Administration - Lt..... [redacted], a former sub-officer.

Bureau Number 5: Personnel - Captain Munteanu, artillery, formerly with the "Tudor Vladimirescu" Division.

Bureau Number 6: Cypher - Lt..... [redacted].

Bureau Number 7: Rear - Lt. Col. Neamtan, mountain troops, formerly with the "Tudor Vladimirescu" Division.

Chemical Bureau: Captain Merghes, chemical arm.

Commander of the Artillery: Lt. Col. Toma of the artillery.

Chief of the Artillery General Staff: Captain Vulpe, artillery.

Operations Bureau Number 1: Captain Neaga of the artillery.

Operations Bureau Number 2: Captain Popescu of the artillery.

Commander of the 18 Scout Company: Captain Popa, also chief of the 2 Bureau of Scouts.

Commander of the 18 "Housekeepers" Company: Lt. Major Grigore Stanciu, infantry.

Commander of 10 Infantry Regiment: Lt. Col. Napoleon Illiescu, a career infantry officer, who came with the "Tudor Vladimirescu" Division.

Commander of the 18 Infantry Regiment: Major.. [redacted]

Commander of the 32 Infantry Regiment: Lt. Col. Georgescu, career officer, came with the "Tudor Vladimirescu" Division.

Commander of the 42 Artillery Regiment: Major... [redacted].

#### 5. Materiel:

- a. Communications: Soviet type telephones (during the training period of the officers, the chief of the 3 Bureau of Communications of the General Staff gave his opinion of the quality of the telephones, "despite the fact that the Soviet telephones are better, I would rather have kept the German ones which were taken away from the units").

Transmitting-receiving sets of Soviet type, heavy (sic) station. Listening "nets", using earth transmission, with a hearing capacity of six kilometers.

Radar sets were mentioned only during training. The Soviets sets were described as better than the American ones because of their greater precision.

- b. Automobiles: Ziss trucks and jeeps for the division. With the exception of the auto company, which has ten trucks, the rest of the vehicles are horse drawn.

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- c. Chemicals: Clothing treated against yperite (mustard gas). Decontamination material. Decontamination equipment. Fumigation petards of various types.
- d. Flame Throwers: They contain four liters of liquid and have a range of 25 meters (effective for a range of 15 meters) in 15 seconds' time. Another type contains seven liters of liquid and has a range of 40 meters (effective for 25 meters) with a duration of 25 seconds.

## 6. Daily Program in the Camp:

## a. Officers in the Command Staff of the Division:

0600 - reveille  
 0600 - 0630 - washing and dressing  
 0630 - 0700 - breakfast: coffee, broiled meat, sausages, or fried eggs, sugar, marmalade and butter  
 0700 - 0800 - individual, manual of arms  
 0800 - 1200 - office hours for career officers, school for the reserves  
 1200 - 1300 - free time  
 1300 - 1400 - lunch, two courses with meat and dessert  
 1400 - 1600 - free time  
 1600 - 1900 - office work or school  
 Wednesday and Saturday afternoons - administrative programs and bath.  
 Sundays - no program, except when model maneuvers are demonstrated, a division is reviewed, there is a conference, et cetera.  
 No leave is given to any officer to go home.

## b. Program for the Troops:

0600 - reveille  
 0600 - 0630 - physical education  
 0630 - 0700 - washing and dressing  
 0700 - 0730 - breakfast: soup, a meal with meat, and 500 grams bread which lasts for the day  
 0730 - 1230 - training  
 1230 - 1300 - coffee, and bread served on the training grounds  
 1300 - 1530 - training  
 1530 - 1700 - rest period, washing, cleaning of arms and clothes  
 1700 - 1800 - sports and unorganized amusements  
 1800 - 1830 - dinner, two courses  
 1830 - 1900 - free time  
 1900 - 2100 - organized programs - singing groups, et cetera  
 2100 - lights out

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